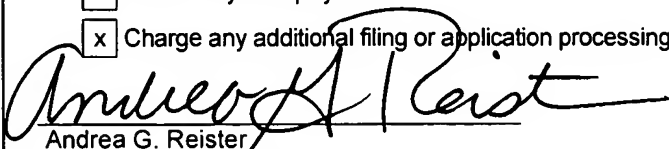




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Application No. 10/022,859-Conf. #1415	Filing Date December 20, 2001	Examiner J. A. Venkat	Art Unit 1615	
Applicant(s): J. Michael Ramstack et al.				
Invention: PREPARATION OF MICROPARTICLES HAVING IMPROVED FLOWABILITY				
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.				
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2006 (Paper No. 20061127), finally rejecting claims 65, 75-78, 80, 81, 83, 86, 88, 94, 95, 99, 101, 102, and 116-118, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and

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any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.